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Bill:

Some thoughts regarding your meeting with the PFIAB.

As you well appreciate, the PFIAB in times past has been a driving force in prompting and sustaining the Agency in their reconnaissance effort. I suggest you call upon the PFIAB's distinguished record in this regard and urge them to continue to explore through their own knowledge those avenues of technology that may have application to our intelligence effort.

Their outside experience should also permit them to appreciate the evolution of events and needs throughout the world and how intelligence should adjust to accommodate to these needs. I have in mind the move over the years of our intelligence which expanded from a pure military political requirement to begin to address economics, the availability of currencies and minerals, not to mention the oil crunch. The Board could be useful in alerting us as they see competitive industries throughout the world begin to make inroads or potential inroads on what are now U.S. markets.

A brief reference to the Capabilities '85 study would be useful in that it identifies issues as we see them in the 1985 to 1990 time-frame and what we must do to rebuild and extend the intelligence capabilities to address them.

We are not only seized with intelligence problems of old, including indications and warning, but also the added attention which we must give to terrorism, narcotics, rebuilding our covert action infra-structure and counterintelligence capability.

The Board can also be helpful in endorsing the large scale capital investment we must make in our communications as well as our new building.

Last but not least off the top of my head, is their endorsement to encourage vigorous legislation on Identities and FOIA as well as some form of legal faucet to turn off the technology transfer loss.

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